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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Issue Joined

ALTHOUGH Senator McCarthy vehemently denies that he is challenging President Eisenhower for leadership of the Republican Party, the effect of his recent public utterances, and in particular his television broadcast, is to place him in a position of wide and nearly implausible opposition to the President. And the impression he has left is that he is ready to go to any attainable lengths—even that of trying to discredit Mr. Eisenhower in the eyes of the country—in order to dominate the whole Republican Party's approach to the 1954 Congressional campaign and to make himself the central issue. To some his TV speech might be considered a thinly concealed attack against the President, but it must not be assumed that Mr. McCarthy does anything casually, or does not know what he is up to. True, the Senator used his harshest words against Mr. Truman, but he planted as many visible accusations and innuendoes against President Eisenhower as he did against Mr. Truman—and carefully left them there in the expectation that they would grow in the public mind. On several matters Senator McCarthy has set himself in pointed opposition to Mr. Eisenhower and has invited the people to write to the White House supporting his views.

THE most significant subject over which McCarthy and Eisenhower are publicly in disagreement is that of making Communists in government a major issue in next year's Congressional election. President Eisenhower has said that the Republican party should not make this a plank in the Party's platform since by next year it would be usefully forgotten because his own Administration would be doing such a good job. Senator McCarthy has retorted that if he can have his way he will make this very subject—the all-pervading issue—of the election. This is a most direct challenge and whether or not the President wishes it, the issue is joined between himself and Senator McCarthy. It would seem inescapable that before long the people of the United States will have to decide whether to place greater trust in McCarthy or whether to place greater trust in the purposes and wisdom of President Eisenhower.

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BIG 3 DISCUSS FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS TODAY

Murder At Benfleet

M. Laniel's Condition

Hamilton, Dec. 6. The following bulletin was issued here tonight on the condition of the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, who was unable to attend yesterday's and today's sessions of the Big Three leaders owing to illness: "M. Laniel has had a chill. This has been associated with a high temperature and infection at the base of one lung. The temperature has fallen but the sign in the chest has not yet cleared. His present condition is satisfactory."

The bulletin was signed by Lord Moran, who is Sir Winston Churchill's personal physician, and by Dr. R. C. Curtis. — Reuter.

Parachutists Prepare To Meet Attack

Hanoi, Dec. 6. French Union parachutists, holding the important mountain and valley stronghold of Dien Bien Phu, on the Tonkin-Laos border, were today digging in ready for a Vietnamese attack expected this week.

The parachutists captured the stronghold two weeks ago.

A French High Command said in Hanoi today that a 12,000-strong Vietminh division had reached the area of Sonla, east of Dien Bien Phu, after a three-week march from the rim of the Red River delta.

A spearhead of the division was believed to be less than 30 miles from the stronghold.

The spokesman said the rebel divisions' advance had been slowed by heavy bombing attacks by French Air Force planes.

The Communists were believed here to be determined to re-establish their prestige with the Thai people, who live in this district, as they were reported recently to be trying to create racial consciousness among the Thais of Indo-China, Burma and Thailand (Siam).

The Vietminh defeat at Dien Bien Phu two weeks ago has been followed by rapid mopping up operations by French forces in the Thai country of Northern Laos. — Reuter.

All Set For Talks With Russia

HAMILTON, BERMUDA, DEC. 7. THE WESTERN BIG THREE WILL TODAY (MONDAY) DISCUSS FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS, AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE SAID HERE LAST NIGHT.

The communiqué, issued after last night's talks between President Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill and M. Georges Bidault, sitting in for M. Joseph Laniel—who has a chill—said discussion on European questions was continued.

M. Bidault explained "the French position in the European Defence Community."

It was announced also that President Eisenhower will address the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday on "the perils confronting the world in this atomic age." He will fly to New York earlier the same day. This address will not be a report on the Bermuda conference, the official spokesman said.

The spokesman said Sir Winston Churchill and M. Laniel have approved the text of the address, which Lord Cherwell and Admiral Lewis Strauss, the British and American atomic experts, have spent the past three days preparing.

Today the Big Three will have two meetings, one in the morning and the final session of the conference in the afternoon. The Foreign Ministers will also meet in the afternoon.

Mr. Anthony Eden, who presided at two meetings of the Foreign Ministers yesterday, reported to the Big Three yesterday night at Mr. Eisenhower's request.

The heads of government conferred for about two and a half hours, ending their session at 11.30 GMT.

At the briefing later, correspondents pressed the delegation spokesman for an explanation of why Mr. Eisenhower came to show the text of his United Nations address to the other delegation heads.

Mr. Eisenhower "wanted Sir Winston Churchill and M. Laniel to know what he is going to say out of courtesy," the American spokesman said. "He felt they should know about his speech as he is going to the United Nations straight from Bermuda."

He added: "He will speak as the American President and not as a spokesman for the three heads of government."

The French spokesman said: "M. Bidault said 'It is a pretty good speech'—and that's all."

READY FOR TALKS

After the Foreign Ministers' first meeting yesterday, a spokesman said that the Big Three were all set for talks with Russia, subject only to any minor comment from the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

It was learned here that this transoceanic consultation with the West German leader was routine. Much of the groundwork on the Western note agreeing to Big Four talks early next year—probably in Berlin—was done before the Bermuda talks began.

Dr. Adenauer's observations will come direct to the Foreign Ministers, who have been given authority by their chiefs to clinch the deal.

A delegation source said they hoped to have Dr. Adenauer's comments in time to despatch the note to Moscow today.

Elaborating last night on Mr. Eisenhower's United Nations speech, the American delegation spokesman said the President had been urged "for some months" to address the world organisation.

The latest request came from Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General.

"I assume the President chose his own subject," the spokesman added.

British Troops Take Action

Cairo, Dec. 6. The Governor of the Egyptian Province of Shashin adjoining the Suez Canal zone reported tonight that British armoured cars today surrounded Korean Village in his province and British troops fired "several hundred" rounds at the village.

The Egyptian Provincial Governor in his report to the Ministry of the Interior here said the Egyptian police and gendarmerie were called out to defend the population of the village.

He added that British troops withdrew several hours later and no casualties were reported.

The Governor also reported that one Egyptian was killed in an incident with British forces in the same area yesterday. — Reuter.

Chou En-Lai Lashes Out At US

Attacks Atrocities Resolution

TOKYO, Dec. 7. Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai condemned last week's United Nations General Assembly resolution against war atrocities as "slanderizing the Korean-Chinese forces."

Premier Chou called the resolution "illegal" and said in a 2,000-word Radio Peking statement that it was submitted to the UN by the United States "and four of its satellite countries."

He accused America of stalling off the Korean peace conference "to maintain tension in the Far East and Asia."

The Communist Chinese leader complained bitterly that the UN has not recognised Communist China, continuing "to ignore the existence" of his government.

He also charged the US with fostering the cold war in Asia and with violating the rules of humane warfare during the Korean fighting.

SHAMEFUL PAGE

Chou said the adoption of the resolution "marks another shameful page in the history of the United Nations."

He added that the resolution "is clearly illegal, callous and invalid."

The Red Premier said that Allied war prisoners will testify to the "lenient policy" followed by Communist forces in North Korean POW camps, and accused the U.S. in a lengthy denunciation of waging inhuman warfare.

Chou's statement said the Chinese and North Korean "protective care of the people and their lenient treatment of prisoners of war has long been common knowledge among the people of the whole world."

"Many of the directly repatriated prisoners of war have borne testimony, both by their good health and their words of gratitude to the fact that the lenient treatment accorded the United Nations POWs by the

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HULL PRISON RIOT

Hull, Dec. 6. Eight prison officers were injured in a riot at a reformatory here following an attempt at a prison breakout. It was reported today.

Officials refused to give details of the disturbance, but according to reports one officer had to have two stitches taken in his face.

The riot reportedly came after extra officers were brought in to watch inmates suspected of planning a general escape. A report on the incident last Monday was sent to the Home Office. — United Press.

Queen Attends Divine Service

Aboard the Gothic, Dec. 6. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh today attended morning service aboard the Gothic.

The service, which was held on the forward gun deck under an awning was conducted by the Captain of the Gothic, Captain David Atchison, and the Chaplain read by the Flag Officer Royal Yachts, Vice Admiral E. M. C. Abel Smith.

The hot South Pacific day provided a perfect setting for the service.

The sun shone on the bright blue waters and shoals of flying fish played round the bows of the Gothic. — United Press.



A fortnight ago in the house pictured above at South Benfleet, Essex, the body of 23-year-old Mrs. Audrey Olive Kemp was found. Her body was tightly trussed by ropes and was doubled up in a trunk. Above is a photo of the murdered woman. The husband, Albert Edward Kemp, reported missing since last July, has been charged with murder. — Daily Express photos.

Troops Start Withdrawing

UDINE, Dec. 6. Italian troops were tonight withdrawing to their normal positions after 50 days at emergency stations on the Italian-Yugoslav frontier.

The withdrawal, involving crack Alpine divisions, armoured regiments and infantry, is expected to take a fortnight.

It follows conversations in Rome yesterday between the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giuseppe Pella, and the Yugoslav Minister in Rome, Pavol Gregoric, in which they decided to normalize the frontier position between the two countries "in a very short time."

The Italian Government pushed troops to the frontier last September. In the belief that Yugoslav troops were about to annexate part of zone "A."

Italian reports said there were 30,000 Yugoslav troops massed along the frontier. — Reuter.

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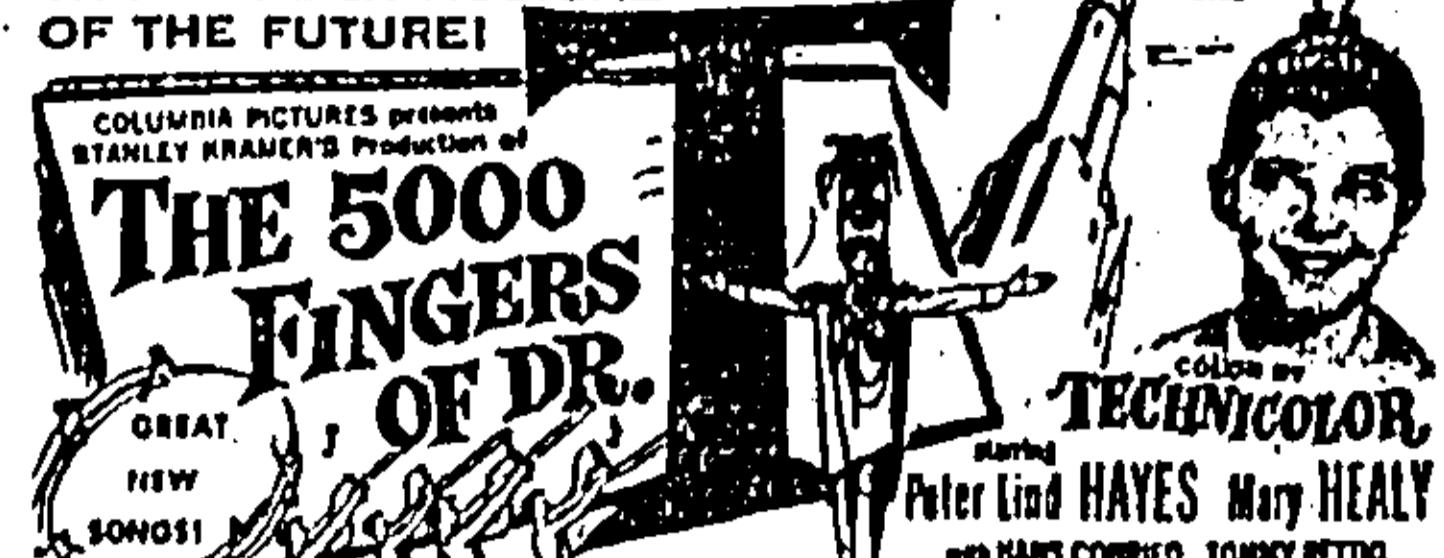
Tokman, Dec. 6. A total of 24 rural workers were killed today when a truck in which they were travelling to Macleod crashed into a ditch. — France-Presse.

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Bee Book For Hillary

Oslo, Dec. 6. Norwegian beekeepers today presented Sir Edmund Hillary, the conqueror of Mount Everest, with a book on Norwegian beekeeping methods and three pots of honey. One pot of honey came from hives beyond the Arctic Circle.

Sir Edmund is a beekeeper by profession in his native New Zealand. He later left for Stockholm.—France-Presse.

POPE CALLS FOR HOUSING SOLUTION

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Dec. 6. Pope Pius XII has called upon a group of councillors of the Roman Institute of Popular Priced Dwellings to seek a solution of the housing problem for the poor, many of whom, he said, are "still living in caves, huts and caverns."

The Pope said that homes are "necessary for the spiritual, moral, juridical and economic unity of the family".

"While it is up to you," the Pontiff said, "to bathe usury on land and financial speculation of any kind on property, it is up to the public authorities to seek solutions and to protect public interests in a manner which must have method and be energetic at the same time."

After saying that numerous people are attracted from the country-side by "the bright city lights," Pius said:

"You must do your utmost to seek a solution for the poor still living in huts, caves and caverns. In solving that problem you will participate in the general progress of your country and the increased welfare of the Italian nation."—United Press.

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Sentiment Running In Favour Of Senator McCarthy

Washington, Dec. 6.

Sentiment is running slightly better than two to one in favour of Senator Joseph McCarthy on the basis of telegrams sent to the White House in response to the Senator's appeal for public support for his "get tough with our Allies" demands.

Latest information from the White House disclosed that so far 4,346 telegrams and 1,500 letters have been received dealing with the Senator's demand that the administration should cut off aid to Allies of the United States which trade with Communist China. Another 3,500 telegrams have piled up at the local cable office.

White House officials said 2,992 of the telegrams support Senator McCarthy and the rest oppose them. Opinions expressed by letter have not yet been classified.

Senator McCarthy hotly contested the White House figures and said that by late yesterday morning, 6,427 telegrams had been delivered and another 4,000 to 8,000 were awaiting delivery. He did not say where he got his information.

Senator McCarthy urged his supporters to write or wire the White House after the President and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, had criticized him for demanding any more aid to Britain or any other Ally—that traded with Communist China.

Observers believe the Senator is prepared for a "bare knuckle" fight with Republican leaders on the issue, though the President is hoping to avoid a direct clash in the interests of party unity.

Opinion in the United States press this weekend was divided. Editorial comment included:

INDEPENDENT NYASALAND ENQUIRY

London, Dec. 6.

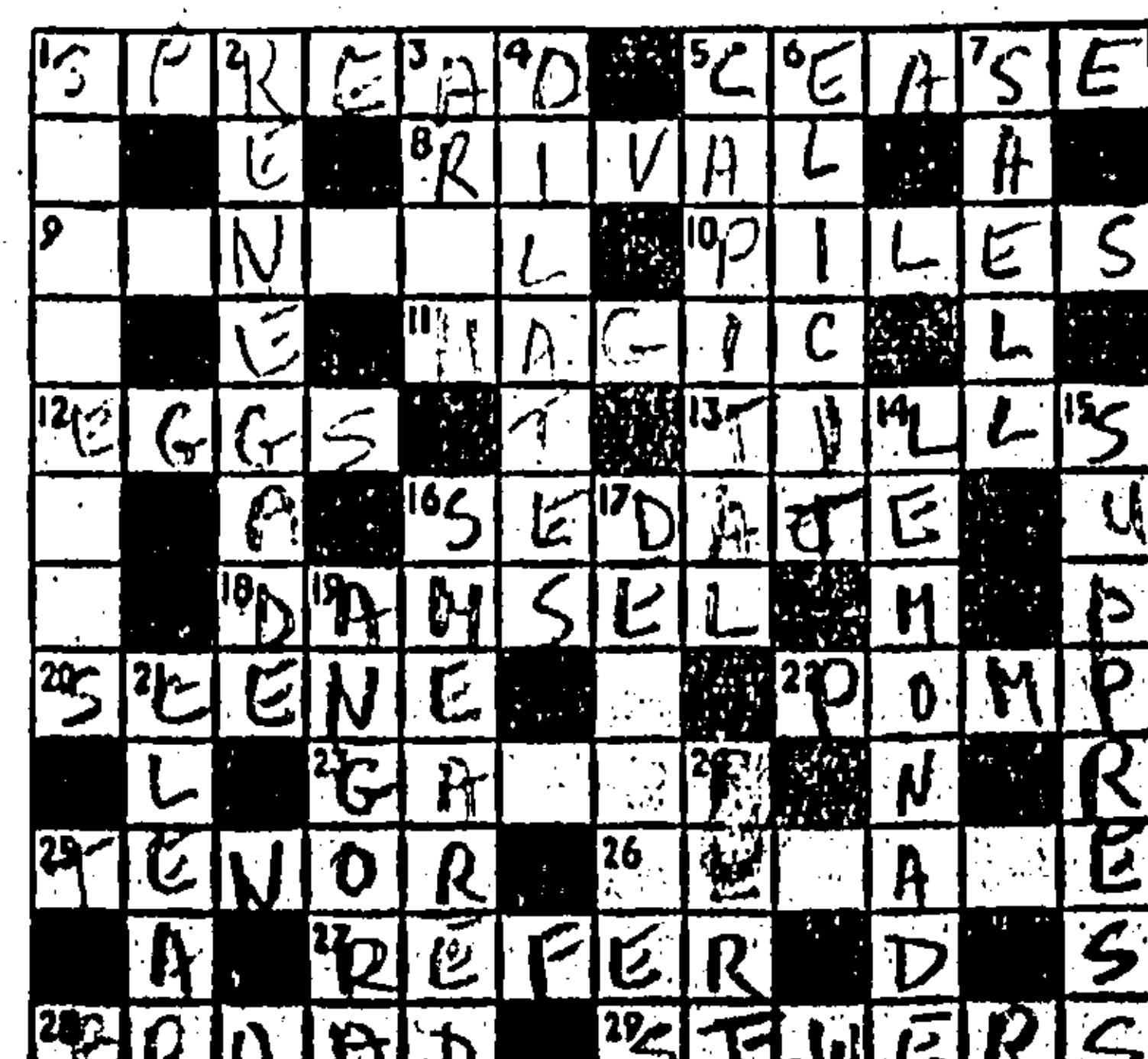
A request for an independent commission of enquiry to enquire into the disturbances in Nyasaland in August and September this year has been made by the Executive Committee of the African Bureau to the British Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, one of his severest critics.

In a recent speech at West Point, New York, Brigadier-General Taylor said that unless Senator McCarthy proved his recent charges of "Communist infiltration into the army radar centre at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, he would continue as a dangerous adventurer who does not hesitate to gamble with national security to satisfy his own ambitions."

Senator McCarthy showed reporters what he described as the Brigadier's civil service card. It was marked "unresolved question of loyalty" at the time he resigned as administrator of small defence plants in September 1952.

Brigadier-General Taylor reported: "I am sure my record in the Government, both civilian and military, will bear an scrutiny on matters of loyalty and security."—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Extend (6).
- 5. Stop (5).
- 6. Composer (8).
- 9. Whored (9).
- 10. Heaps (8).
- 11. Wreckage (5).
- 12. Idiot (4).
- 13. Culmination (5).
- 14. Quiet (9).
- 15. G-1 (6).
- 16. View (5).
- 22. Grandeur (4).
- 23. Dancer (4).
- 24. Povert (5).
- 25. Crivel (8).
- 27. Allude to (8).
- 28. Wide (5).
- 29. Drums (6).

DOWN

- 1. Mistrusts (8).
- 2. Traitor (8).
- 3. Kind of lily (4).
- 4. Swells (7).
- 5. Splendid (7).
- 6. Bring to light (6).
- 7. Bombard (6).
- 8. "Soft" drink (8).
- 9. Put down (8).
- 10. Doubted (7).
- 11. Removes from office (7).
- 12. Kind of rabbit (6).
- 13. Transparent (5).
- 14. Trim (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Rancid, 5. Allot, 8. Rcnl, 9. Mutation, 11. Linen, 12. Smile, 13. Wild, 16. Eager, 18. Chide, 19. Idea, 20. Titter, 24. Alone, 25. Arling, 26. Rice, 27. Sheep, 28. Trust, 29. Bowl, 1. Romp, 2. Not, 3. Iron, 4. Denial, 5. Alleged, 6. Lineage, 7. Tenders, 10. Tepid, 13. Squam, 14. Whimsy, 15. Lecture, 17. Alot, 18. Intact, 21. Tier, 22. Ripe, 23. Age.

SOUTH TYROL SMOULDERING

Austria Again Renews Her Old Demands

FEELING MAY POSSIBLY RUN HIGH WITH ITALY

Vienna, Dec. 6.

The long silent "volcano" of the South Tyrol, potential source of trouble between Italy and Austria, has begun to rumble and to smoke again and before long, unless care is taken, it will once again be in full eruption.

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Now the question of its return to Austria, or at least of its right to self-government as a neutral "free state" has begun to be raised again.

It was the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Koca Popovitch, who, whether deliberately or unwillingly it is not known, started the dispute again.

When asked by an Italian journalist why Yugoslavia would not agree to a plebiscite on the Trieste question, at a press conference during his State visit to Austria a few weeks ago, M. Popovitch said: "If Italy thinks that a plebiscite is such a good means for settling territorial disputes like that in Trieste, why does it not allow it also in the South Tyrol?"

This set off a whole series of demands in Austria for the re-opening of the South Tyrol question before it is too late.

The Catholic newspaper "Suedost-Tagespost" in Graz, Styria, asked in banner-headlines: "What are we going to do for the South Tyrol?"

It wanted to know whether Austria is still capable of taking great decisions or "are we going to wait and see how the last Austrian dies in the South Tyrol?"

URGENCY

Professor Erhard added: "Likewise, it is self-evident that this question can no longer be settled from international conference tables."

He said the principle of "dollar saving" in the United States was now past and European convertibility was wanted.

Asked if Americans were prepared to extend credit to facilitate the change over to free currency in Europe, Professor Erhard said he would rather not answer.

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During his visit, Professor Erhard met Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Humphrey, Treasury Secretary, and Mr. Sinclair Weeks, Commercial Secretary.—Reuter.

Iraq Aid In Jordan Dispute

Baghdad, Dec. 6.

Iraqi Premier Fadel Jamali assured Parliament here today that Iraq was working to help Jordan in the dispute with Israel.

He added that immediately after the aggression on the Jordanian village of Kibya, Iraq offered to send her own troops to Jordan, but the Jordanian government preferred to place the matter before the Arab League.

The League said: "Premier Jamali decided that all Arab countries should give military aid to Jordan when Jordan asked for it."

The Iraqi Premier was replying to a question by the Baghdad Independent Member of Parliament Temik Muktar, who had criticized the attitude of the British High Command of the Jordanian-Arab Legion, and especially of Chief of Staff General Glubb Pasha.

Muktar claimed that General Glubb Pasha and the Arab Legion commander had done nothing in the face of Israeli aggression, being under the orders of the British Crown. On this point Premier Jamali replied that the problem of Jordan's army and the command of her forces was the exclusive responsibility of the Jordanian government.—France-Press.

Honolulu, Dec. 6.

A giant Pan American Airways transoceanic en route to Tokyo made an emergency landing today on the small Johnson Island 700 miles southwest of Honolulu after one of its engines had exploded in flight.

Another aircraft took off from San Francisco to pick up the 33 passengers and a crew of five.—France-Press.

British Guiana Debate Today

London, Dec. 6.

The British Labour Party's motion to obtain cancellation of the order in council suspending the constitution of British Guiana is to be debated in the House of Commons tomorrow.

Labour members are expected to contest the legality of the Government measure. Both Mr James Griffiths, former Labour Minister for the Colonies and the present Conservative Minister, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, are to take part in the debate.—France-Press.

Fruitful Economic Talks

Duesseldorf, Dec. 6.

Professor Ludwig Erhard, West German Economic Minister, said here today on his return by air from the United States that his two weeks visit there had been "fruitful."

Professor Erhard, who met members of the American Government and business leaders, told reporters that questions of economic policy, and "a world currency policy," had been the central points of his discussions.

He said he was convinced that the United States would not delay in embracing a new European currency policy on the basis of convertibility.

His talks had shown that the question could not be settled on a national level but only within the framework of the economy of the free world.

He believed also that the United States was determined to support European attempts to achieve convertibility of currency.

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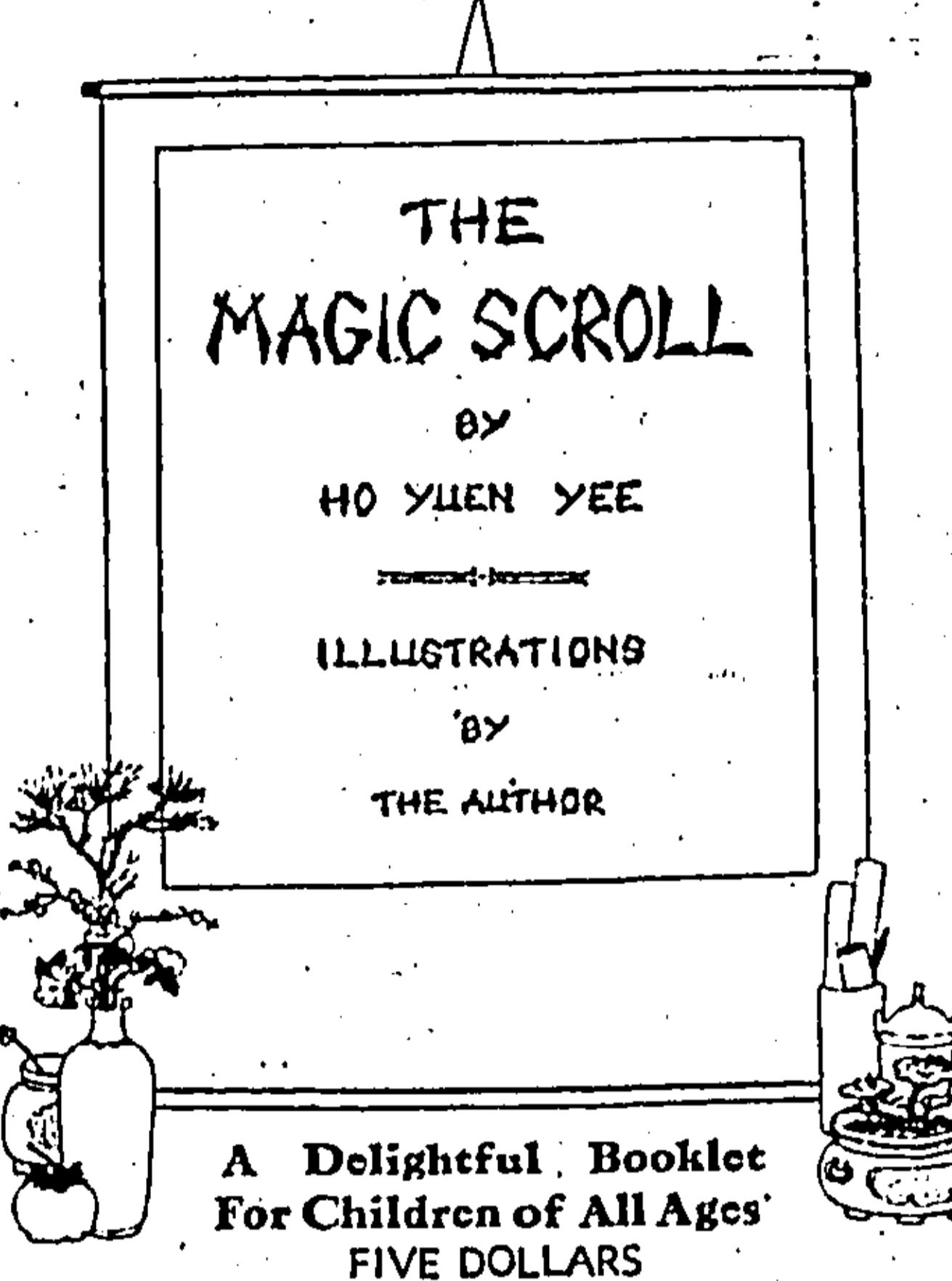
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CONFERENCES IN ATHENS WITH GREEK LEADERS

During December, 1944, street fighting in Athens increased in scale. Field-Marshal Alexander, faced by the possibility of sending large British reinforcements from the Italian front, hoped for a settlement through Archbishop Damaskinos, whom the King of Greece still refused to accept as Regent.

On Christmas Eve the Prime Minister and Mr Eden decided to look at the situation on the spot, and on Christmas Day they arrived by air in Athens.

At about noon we landed at the Kalamaki airfield which was guarded by about 2,000 British airmen, all well armed and active. Here were Field-Marshal Alexander, Mr Leeper [the British Ambassador] and Mr Macmillan [Minister of State].

They came on board the plane, and we spent nearly three hours in hard discussion of the whole position, military and political. We were, I think, in complete agreement at the end, and about the immediate steps to be taken.

I and my party were to sleep on board the Ajax, anchored off the Piraeus, the famous light cruiser of Plate River battle, which now seemed a long time ago. The road was reported clear, and with an escort of several armoured cars we traversed the few miles without incident.

We boarded the Ajax before darkness fell, and I realized for the first time that it was Christmas Day. All preparations had been made by the ship's company for a jolly evening, and we certainly disturbed them as little as possible.

THE sailors had a plan for a dozen of them to be dressed up in every kind of costume and disguise, as Chinese, Negroes, Red Indians, Cockneys, clowns—all to serenade the officers and warrant officers, and generally inaugurate revels suitable to the occasion. The Archbishop and his attendants arrived—an enormous tall figure in the robes and high hat of a dignitary of the Greek Church.

The two parties met. The sailors thought he was part of their show of which they had not been told, and danced around him enthusiastically. The Archbishop thought this motley gang was a premeditated insult, and might well have departed to the shore but for the timely arrival of the captain, who, after some embarrassment, explained matters satisfactorily. Meanwhile I waited, wondering what had

happened. But all ended happily.

I sent an account of our various discussions to the War Cabinet.

Field-Marshal Alexander gave an encouraging account of present military situation, which had been grave a fortnight ago but was now much better. The Field-Marshal, however, had formed the decided view that behind the E.L.A.S. units there was a stubborn core of resistance, Communist in character, which was stronger than we had thought and would be very difficult to eradicate. If we were successful in pushing the E.L.A.S. force outside the boundaries of Athens, we should still be faced with a tremendous task if we tried to eliminate them altogether.

Mr Macmillan and Mr Leeper informed us they had been considering the summoning of a conference of the political leaders, which E.L.A.S. would be invited to attend. We felt that the convening of such a conference, with the declared object of putting an end to fraternal strife in Greece, would, even if E.L.A.S. refused the invitation, ensure that our intentions would have been made clear to the world. We also agreed it would be a good move that the Archbishop should be chairman of the conference.

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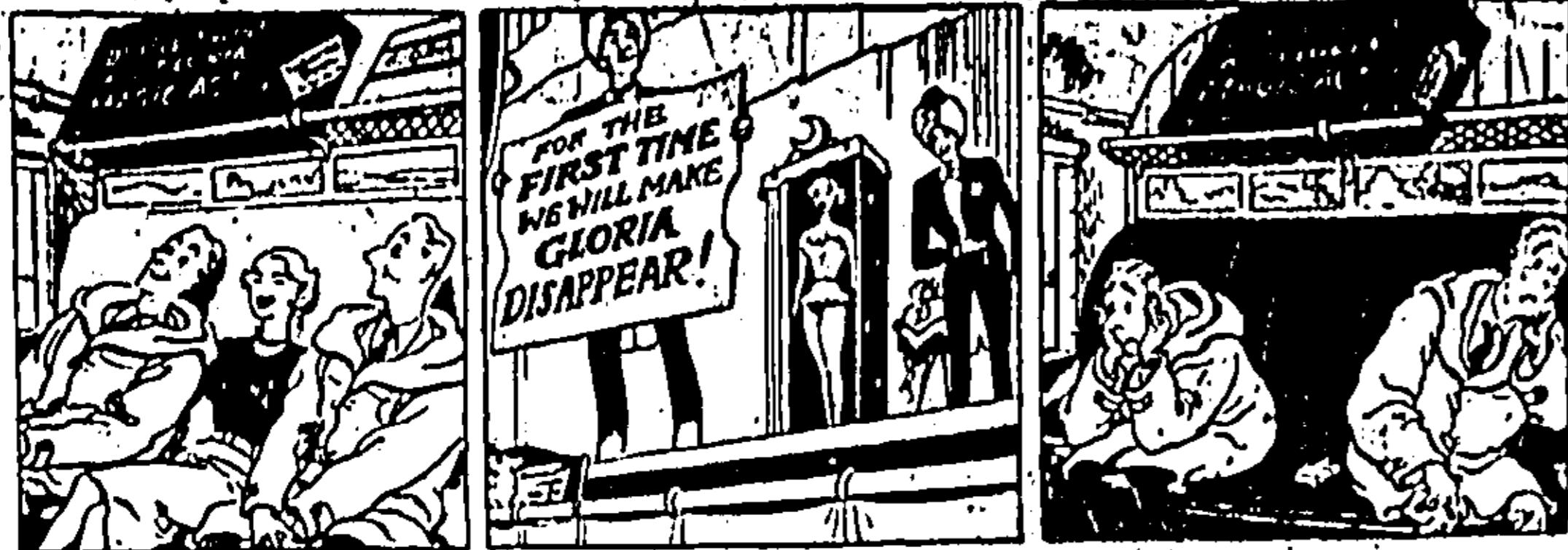
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THE DUFFLE TWINS

by DODD



• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

I SEE nothing to boast about in the fact that gross values exceed statutory deductions by nearly £27,000,000. Gross values of what? Statutory deductions from what?

But it is the other way round: statutory deductions exceed gross values by nearly £27,000,000. Who is any the wiser? The evidence is all on our side, even though the argument is conducted by those who are so confused in mind that the proposition can be put either way, and that the whole thing becomes meaningless, and I am not going to fire the first shot in a nation-wide campaign.

In passing

EVIDENTLY intending to pay a compliment, a writer said of a woman novelist: "She talks at the top of her voice." One of the critics of Byron once described Miss de Staél "with pen behind her ear and a mouthful of ink."

Retarded votation?

THE other day a horse called Extra Dry fell into the River Severn. No wonder. This is a perfect example of the way in which the Royal Society of Veterinary Surgeons, or call it a Reverse Mental Pneumonia, or a case of unstabilised morphology.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

BORN today, you have an ingratiating smile and a deep interest in human welfare. These two characteristics, when combined, will make a lasting contribution to the welfare of the world. You have learned to instrument your ideas. Blessed with a good memory, you rarely, if ever, make a mistake. You are determined to be a collector for a fact. This would be helpful to you, especially in the field of literature or history.

There is, in contrast, a peculiarly lackadaisical attitude toward some of the more practical things of life, and you are not taken to it. You are destined to get you started. But this must always be in the form of inspirational encouragement, rather than in the form of a fact.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

MAJESTICUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You have the best possible use of your natural gifts and your acquired skills. Make important progress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—Be careful if you are embarking upon a journey today. There are serious pitfalls.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you smooth out a minor difference of opinion now, you may be able to avoid a major misunderstanding.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Stick to regular routine. Scattering your energies on some new adventure will get you nowhere, at all.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Be cooperative at all, or weak, better, but more friendly, than to make enemies by being too critical.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Variety may be more fun, but sticking to the same old thing, day after day, is more productive of lasting success.

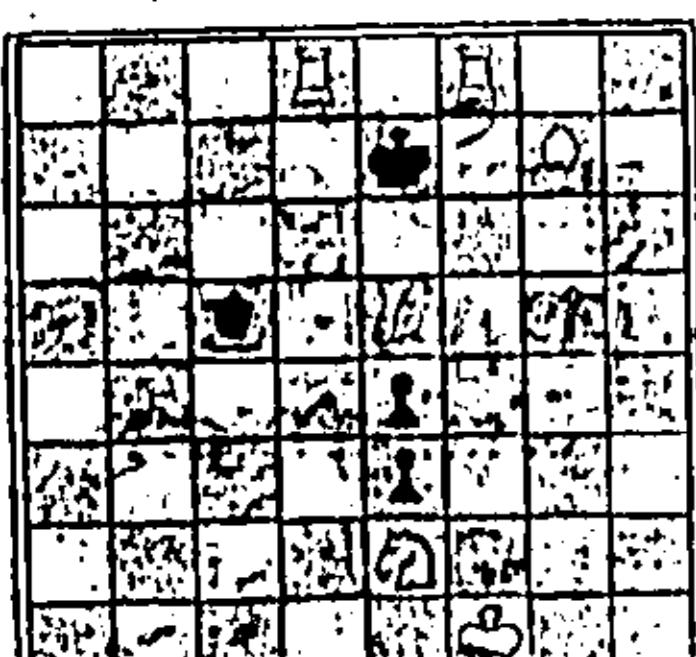
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't fly on the handle and say something you don't really mean, if provoked to anger today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—This is a special evening for the sign of your sign. If invited to a party, be

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. PALKOSKA

Black, 4 pieces.



CLUB BEAT RAF 9-3 IN PENTANGULAR TOURNEY

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon in the Pentangular Tournament the Club, in a thrilling match narrowly defeated the RAF XV by 9 points (2 tries 1 penalty goal) to 3 (1 try), and following that, in the second game at Boundary Street the Navy completely overwhelmed the Police by the fantastic score of 40 points (5 tries 5 goals) to 3 (1 try).

In the first game the Club kicked off against a moderate cross wind, and were soon deep into the Airmen's half, and only a neat tackle by Balderston forced Ewart, who had cleverly intercepted a pass, into touch close to the RAF corner flag.

From the lineout the ball was cleared upfield and the RAF began to press hard and were given a penalty for an offside infringement. The RAF attacked hard and Balderston dribbled up to the line, and only a rapid sprint and dive to touch down by Layton saved the Club.

De Rone and Layton then took the ball to the RAF 25-yard line and there the Club were awarded a penalty for an infringement and Henderson put the ball neatly between the posts to give the Club the lead by 3 points.

Then the Club won a lineout and Leader sent his three away, and Turville went over the corner after a good solo run. Ewart missed the kick, and after 28 minutes play the Club were leading by 3 points to nil.

It was a very even first half and the RAF were unlucky not to be on level terms with the Club. The Club pack was playing as a team and they broke through quite a bit, whereas the Club who were superior individually played as such and thus lost many good chances.

The RAF loose forwards were doing their job well by smothering Leader, to a great extent. The Club's tackling was as usual, poor and only those three stalwarts, Henderson, De Rone, and Turville, tackled their man below the waist.

SECOND HALF

The second half opened with the Club attacking and they got to the RAF 5-yard line before a fumble gave the Airmen a chance which they seized to send the play back to mid-field.

Then Leader started a fine attack and when he kicked aeroes it looked as if the Club would score. However, much to the spectators' amusement, one of Henderson's young sons decided to try and emulate his famous father, and dashed on to the field and nearly caught the ball causing the Airmen to wonder whether they were entitled to tackle such an unusual opponent or not.

The RAF now attacked, and the ball came out of a loose maul. The packs played well, though St. Andrew's night had obviously taken its toll, and the Club did not back up as hard as they should have done. The best players, in the Club side were Ewart, De Rone, Turville, Henderson, and Leader, whilst in the RAF were Milden and Gammie, and Davis.

NAVY v. POLICE

The second game as indicated by the score was an easy win for the Navy and when the Police started with 13 men and eventually with their 14th man turned up, the only question in the spectators' minds was how high the Navy score would be.

In the 4th minute Lloyd went over near the posts from a fast break, and Davis converted. 5-0.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

FIFTH RACE MEETING

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club—
Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th December, 1953.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES
The First Bell will be rung at 1:30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's office at Alexandra House will close at 11:45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS & REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$32. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 4th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on race days.

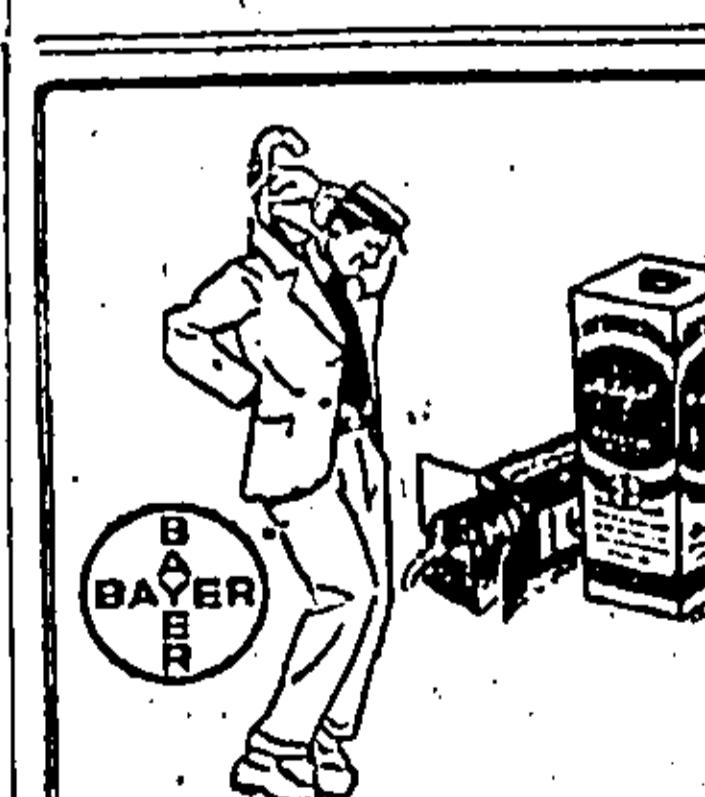
Attention is drawn to an amendment to the Rules for Cash Sweeps whereby Prizes of \$2,000 each will be paid to holders of tickets on unplaced entered ponies, whether Starters or not, but only in the case of Cash Sweeps on the last race when tickets are on sale prior to the day of the race.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 30th January, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$2.

TOTALISATOR

Bookmakers' "No Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
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EX-CHAMPION



Gizi Farkas of Hungary, former World Women's Table Tennis Champion, in play in the match against England at Wembley.—Central Press Photo.

LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY MAINTAIN THEIR LEAD

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army maintained their lead at the head of the table in both the Senior and Junior divisions with two decisive wins during the week-end's Cricket League matches.

A pleasing feature of the other games was the good form shown by two enterprising teams, Optimists and Navy, whose well-earned victories brought them up next to the Scorpions in challenging positions for Senior Division honours.

The Indian Recreation Club XI were involved in another drawn match, this time with the RAF, bringing their total of drawn matches to date up to four.

It was a sporting declaration in that the total was below average but left the opposition a reasonable period of time to force the issue.

This the soldiers, and particularly Alexander, did in no uncertain manner. Alexander's 83 not out can be regarded as one of the fastest and brightest innings yet seen, probably only next to that of "Tinker" Lee last week.

The CCC-Army return match produced plenty of bright cricket and was played in grand spirit. Forceful batting by both sides saw the batsmen generally having the better of the bowlers.

A brilliant 82 by George Souza, who once again claimed the honour of being the highest scorer of the week, enabled

Recreo to declare their innings at a total of 147 runs for four wickets.

Going into the fourth, Jackie Wel and his colleagues put more punch into their hitting and first-batsman Harold Ong sent the crowd delirious with a sacrifice fly to enable Benny Fan to cross the plate for the Pandas' second run.

In the sixth inning, a brilliantly-judged hit by catcher Raymond Tsoo to right-field drove home centre-fielder S. S. Iusu for the third run and, a few minutes after, the whole crowd of Pandas' players and supporters ran across the field to wall of Jackie Wel on the back for the best effort of the game which shut out the Braves in 10 wickets.

The Braves were lacking traditional polish although they played with zest. They went down because manager Ed Carvalho played Jock Brown instead of Chapple Remedios who is more familiar with the Pandas' manner of hitting.

Chapple, who has never lost a game to the Pandas, will be leaving for the United Kingdom at the end of the month and it appears that he stands an excellent chance of preserving his unbeaten record.

The Pandas, however, had a miraculous escape in the seventh when the Braves had the bases loaded and two away. But the Braves were not in scoring mood and even Spikey Gutierrez, last man up, was struck out by Jackie Wel to end one of the best games of the season.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	T.	L.	Pts.
Army	8	7	0	0	1	20
Scorpions	8	4	2	1	1	20
Navy	9	3	2	0	4	14
Optimists	8	3	2	0	3	14
IRC	9	2	5	0	2	13
CCC	10	2	3	0	5	11
KCC	9	2	3	0	4	11
RAF	8	2	3	0	3	11
Recreo	7	2	1	1	3	11
KHU	0	1	3	0	2	7

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	T.	L.	Pts.
Army	9	9	0	0	0	36
Dockyard	7	5	1	0	2	21
RAF	8	5	1	0	2	21
Police	7	5	0	0	3	13
Navy	7	3	1	0	4	12
IRC	7	3	0	0	4	12
DBS	9	2	2	0	2	10
KCC	7	1	1	0	5	5
HKU	3	0	0	0	3	0
KGV	8	0	0	0	8	0

Basketball Turney

Bangkok, Dec. 7.
The Hongkong men's team defeated Bangkok 49-42.

In the women's division, Singapore defeated Bangkok 18-11 and Japan beat the Philippines 44-17.—United Press.

THE GAMBOL'S

MAKES UP A FOUR AND GO TO THE THEATRE? NICE OF YOU TO ASK US MAC AND A SUPER AND DANCE AFTERWARDS, I FINE!

WE'LL GO DUTCH, CH?

MR. BUT, I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T AFFORD IT THIS WEEK.

JUST HAD A HEAVY AND UNEXPECTED EXPENSE

BY BARRETT APPLEYARD

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FALL AT KEMPTON



F. Chapman comes to grief as he falls from his mount, Nital, at the final fence in the Uxbridge Handicap Chase at Kempton. —Central Press Photo.

SCOTTISH SUMMARY

By "MAC"

Britain's soccer match of the season will be staged at Ibrox Stadium on December 8. Glasgow Rangers, Scottish Cup holders and reigning League champions, entertain English First Division Champions Arsenal.

The match, played under floodlight, will inaugurate the Stadium's new lighting system.

Keenly watching points at the England-Hungary match at Wembley was the entire Glasgow Celtic team. Said manager Jim McGrory, "The match taught the players more in 90 minutes than we could in six months. Coach George Patterson will take notes of all the lessons and will run through them with the lads when we get back."

Aberdeen are planning an ambitious close-season tour next summer. Destination is Mexico, where they will play six matches. They will return £6,000 richer. The Mexicans have guaranteed all expenses and £2,000 per match.

Newcastle United, seeking a replacement for Scottish international centre-half Frank Brennan, who has been off form, are hoping to fill the berth with another Scotsman. Having failed in their bid for St. Mirren's Willie Telfer, Scotland's current centre-half, Newcastle have switched their attentions to Jimmy Clunie of Raith Rovers.

A bonus with a difference awaited Stirling Albion players after their victory over East Fife. They entered the dressing room after the match to find empty packets of butter on the trainer's table. They were given by a delighted local farmer. —(London Express Service)

AUSTRALIANS FEAR FLOP

A soccer tour of the United Kingdom, planned by the Australian Football Association for 1955-6 may be called off.

The tour is being organised similarly to this season's South Africans' tour—and there lies the snag.

The South Africans returned home complaining they had lost heavily on the tour. They shared gates on a 50-50 basis, but their "matches" attracted small crowds.

This prompted one official to say: "There is no interest in amateur soccer in Britain."

THE REA —Reported an FA official: "Presumably there was no interest in the South Africans. There is plenty of interest in our amateurs."

Now the Australians want to know exactly how the South Africans fared financially. If they get a bad report they will not come—and from what the South Africans have already said, a bad report looks certain.

The Australians were planning sending an all-amateur side. International matches against the four Home Countries will probably be arranged.

An England professional, XI beat Australia 17-0 at Sydney in 1951. Our amateurs should also be too good for them. —(London Express Service)

SPORTS

Home Soccer

Standings

London, Dec. 6. Football League standings after yesterday's matches:

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wolverhampton	21	11	2	2	53	23	31
West Bromwich	21	12	2	4	51	22	30
Huddersfield	21	12	2	5	51	22	30
Derby	21	12	2	5	51	22	30
Bolton	21	8	4	9	47	25	24
Charlton	21	11	4	7	37	25	23
Blackpool	21	9	4	8	35	25	22
Manchester U.	21	6	3	12	32	21	15
Cardiff C.	21	6	3	12	32	21	15
Sheffield W.	22	8	3	11	45	21	21
Crewe Alex.	21	9	3	9	34	20	18
Aston Villa	21	5	1	11	34	20	17
Tottenham	21	5	1	11	34	20	17
Newcastle	21	5	1	11	34	20	17
Sheffield U.	21	5	1	11	34	20	17
Portsmouth	21	5	1	10	41	23	16
Middlesbrough	21	6	4	11	41	23	16
Manchester C.	21	6	4	11	41	23	16
Everton	21	5	3	12	40	20	15
Sunderland	21	5	3	12	40	20	15

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Leicester	21	11	7	3	53	23	31
Everton	21	11	7	4	47	23	31
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Birmingham	21	12	2	7	47	23	31
Rotherham	21	12	2	7	47	23	31
Nott. Forest	21	10	4	7	47	23	30
London	21	10	4	7	47	23	30
Leeds United	21	7	3	11	40	20	22
Stoke City	21	6	3	12	35	23	21
Lincoln City	21	5	3	13	35	23	21
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THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Leeds Town	22	14	6	2	45	23	30
Southampton	22	14	2	6	45	23	30
Brighton	21	12	4	4	45	27	27
Reading	21	12	4	4	45	27	27
Norwich City	21	13	2	6	45	27	27
Walsall	21	13	2	6	45	27	27
Portsmouth	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Northampton	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Watford	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Bristol City	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Coventry City	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Levton Orient	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Millwall	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
U.	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Exeter City	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Bournemouth	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Swindon Town	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Shrewsbury	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
G. P. H.	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Southend U.	21	4	12	5	32	18	16
Aldershot	21	3	12	6	32	18	15
Walsall	21	3	12	6	32	18	15

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

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Port Vale	21	11	7	4	47	23	31
Bradford	21	10	2	9	47	23	31
Barnsley	21	10	2	9	47	23	31
Scunthorpe	21	10	2	9	47	23	31
Wrexham	21	10	4	7	47	23	31
Bradford City	21	10	4	7	47	23	31
Carlisle	21	9	5	6	47	23	30
Crewe Alex.	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Southport	21	7	3	11	45	27	24
Barrow	21	6	3	12	45	27	23
Grimsby	21	6	3	12	45	27	23
Mansfield	21	6	3	12	45	27	23
Hartlepool	21	6	3	12	45	27	23
Colchester	21	4	10	7	45	27	20
Accrington	21	4	10	7	45	27	20
Darlington	21	4	10	7	45	27	20
Histon	21	4	10	7	45	27	20
Horwich	21	4	10	7	45	27	20
Workington	21	4	10	7	45	27	20

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Queen Sees Bermuda Triplets



Her Majesty the Queen shows great interest in triplets held by nurses from the Children's Hospital at the Dockyard at Mangrove Bay, during the royal visit to Bermuda. With the Queen is the Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Hood.—Central Press.

Neutral Switzerland Has Created 36-Ship Mercantile Fleet

Berne, Dec. 2.
Neutral Switzerland has created a 36-ship national merchant fleet designed to assure her essential overseas supply lines in case of a third world war.

A full maritime code for the new fleet was approved by the Federal Assembly on September 23, and will come into force on January 1, 1954.

The code, which is in the form of a Federal Law, places all Swiss shipping under the supervision of the Federal Council, Switzerland's semi-permanent Cabinet.

The Federal Council may take any measures it considers necessary to ensure that use of the Swiss flag at sea does not compromise the security and neutrality of the Confederation.

The Council is empowered to commandeer any Swiss vessel in the interests of the "economic defence" of the country in case of need.

Conditions for registering an ocean-going ship as Swiss with right to fly the Swiss flag are extremely rigorous. They were designed to prevent the neutrality of vessels flying the Swiss flag being contested by belligerents in any future war.

MAIN CONDITIONS

Among the main conditions are that the owners must be Swiss and have their head office in Switzerland. All shareholders in an owning company must be Swiss and at least three-quarters of them, representing three-quarters of the total capital, must be resident in Switzerland.

Under the main Swiss port on the Rhine, is the only port of registration for Swiss ocean-going ships. The name of the city may be painted on the stern in any one of the three national languages. Penalties for sailing anywhere in the world must be referred to the Central Tribunal of Biele City.

The 107-article code lays down that the Federal Council will take all necessary measures to surmount the major remaining difficulty in the way of forming a 100 per cent Swiss Merchant Navy: that of manning the ships with Swiss nationals.

1,000 SEAMEN

About 1,000 men sail under the Swiss flag at present but only some 25 per cent of them are Swiss nationals.

Swiss shipping companies, with the encouragement of the Federal authorities, are working to train more men to be deep-sea sailors. The Government wishes not only to man the fleet with Swiss as safeguard against troubled times but also to create new jobs for young men who cannot find work in their crowded homelands.

The Swiss flag made its first appearance at sea during 1941 on a few old ships hastily bought by the Government when the war put an end to charter arrangements with Greek and Yugoslav lines. A makeshift maritime code, now to be replaced by the new law, was drawn up in a few weeks to meet the emergency.

Creation of a merchant fleet then remained the only hope of salvation for the land-locked Confederation, largely dependent on imports for its food and raw materials.

During the First World War, the traditional Swiss policy of chartering foreign ships to pay under their own national flag came near to failure.

In 1917 available tonnage became very rare and Germany

Limbless German Climbs World's Highest Volcano

Buenos Aires, Dec. 6.
Colonel Hans Ulrich Rudel, a 37-year-old German air ace who lost a leg in the last war, will shortly try to climb again what he claims to be the highest volcano in the world.

His reason is that when he first climbed it six months ago, he found some archaeological remains just under the 6,920 metres high crater. And he wants to discover what they are and how they got there.

Rudel, who since the war has been employed by the Argentine Government as a technical adviser on aviation, recently came back into the public eye when he returned to Germany to run as a Nationalist candidate in the September elections.

He was disqualifed by the electoral board because of his Swiss nationality.

In May this year, despite his physical disability, he led an expedition to the top of Llullaillaco, a massive extinct volcano rising to 6,920 metres above sea level on Argentina's frontier with Chile. Ten previous expeditions had failed where he succeeded.

With his two companions, Karl Morgen and Rolf Dangl, he marched 70 kilometres (about 40 miles) from the railhead at Minas Cauchan, through snow and ice and with the wind blowing in gusts of 120 kilometres (about 72 miles) an hour.

NO WORRY

His missing leg did not worry him unduly. "The danger of frost bite was reduced by half," he explained.

Instead of using the usual mule team, the German expedition worked their equipment up to the 4,500 metres level on a tractor.

On the way down from the crater, Rudel became separated from his companions when he fell into a ravine and it was two days before he turned up at the base camp.

Besides temperatures which drop to 20 degrees Centigrade (4 degrees Fahrenheit) below zero even in summer, the expedition will have to fight the dread "mal de pico," the mountain sickness which afflicts even the hardiest among the Andean heights and, if too prolonged, according to local lore, drives one mad.—China Mail Special.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

U.S. BANK THROWS LIGHT ON THE STERLING AREA'S DOLLAR POSITION

N.Y. STOCK MARKET REVIEW

(From Our Own Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 6.
The big news in the stock market was a sharp pickup during the last week to the highest level since Sept. 18. Prices struggled up the slippery path of the mountain and made a bit of progress. The going is right at the point, according to the experts, because many who have profits meant to realize them.

This is one retardant to profit-taking, however, and this is said to have saved the day for the bulls in the past week. It is the fact that income taxes decline on January 1, many are said to be waiting for the lower rates to take the profits on their stocks.

HIGHEST GRADE
This situation plus a growing investment demand for the highest grade issues carried the industrial average to a new high since March 20 and utilities to a top since March 30. The bulls again were the leaders but on Tuesday they set a new average high since August 26.

Utilities outshone in United States export surplus with Western Europe has been due both to a decline in its commercial exports and to a rise in its purchases.

In this, the bank says that a revival of production in Western Europe and growing availability of goods for domestic consumption and for export have played a most important part.

Restrictions against dollar goods, deliberate efforts to turn to non-dollar sources of imports, retrenchment policies and more effective control of inflation have also been influential.

The United Kingdom has reaped its full share of this improvement. In Western Europe's dollar position, in the first eight months of last year its adverse trade balance with the United States, excluding defence aid, was 150 million dollars. In the corresponding period of this year, "the gap" was reduced to only two million dollars. In other words the United Kingdom has virtually balanced its direct trade with the United States.

IMPROVEMENT

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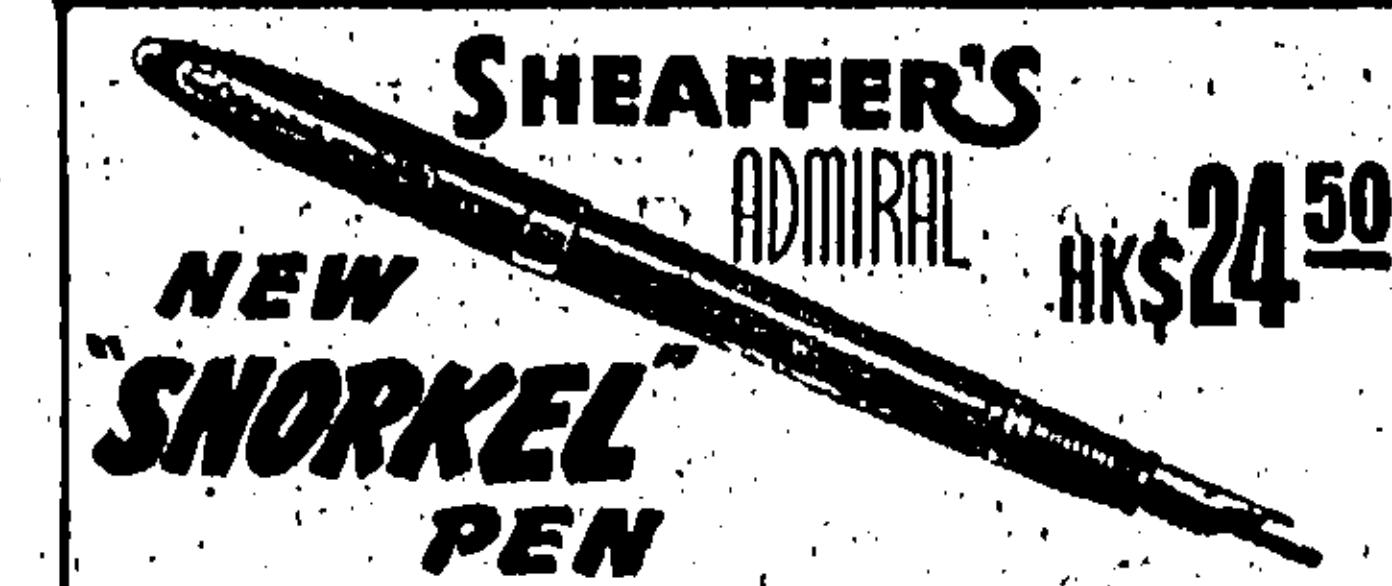
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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Smelly Civic Politics The Subject Of The Week

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Dec. 4.

Civic politics are the news this week—and smelly old politics they are!

A week ago it was generally conceded that the State Labour Government would appoint a Royal Commissioner to probe the affairs of the City Council, but instead—out of the blue in a rushed night session—it brought down what is now known as a Gag Bill—a measure which prevents the press or individuals making allegations about the Council unless they have definite proof that will stand the light of a law court.

And as few people—other than parties concerned—can ever hope to have that sort of evidence—the Government very effectively has stifled criticisms of oldsmen's honesty.

But, each day now fresh charges of bribery and corruption are being made in the State Lower and Upper House and there are many who believe that eventually the hand of the Premier, Mr Cahill, will be forced and he will order a Royal Commission.

If he doesn't, City Council stocks in public opinion are going to be at a pretty low ebb for a long time to come; if he does, some rare old fireworks are likely.

THE ROYAL VISIT

And now for more cheerful subjects. Already we are preparing for the Queen who will arrive here on February 3. Trees in City parks are gradually becoming bedecked in electric light globes; painters are putting a little spit and polish on city buildings and various committees in charge of decorations are meeting frequently.

The Christmas rush will cause plans to be temporarily put in the top drawer, but when the New Year does away with the face of the city will rapidly change.

While the Queen is unlikely to get a welcome on a par with Panama, it is certain that Sydney will let its head go in one wild welcome. In fact, a Royal visit is badly needed to give this place a face-lift.

Footnote: If there is anything in this Council bribery talk it's a pity someone doesn't pass over some cash to have the streets of the Royal procession repaired. Most of them are in such a shocking state at the moment that it could easily become the Wildest Ride of the Tour.

BY BUS TO LONDON

A surprising thing happened this week: an overseas visitor praised our hotels.

This strange character is English fashion designer Teddy Tugeling (the man who put the lace on Georgeous Gussie's pants).

"Before I arrived I heard a lot of critical comment about your hotels and was expecting something pretty grim," he said.

"But I have found them quite comfortable and got everything I want and no man can ask for more."

All we—and many other stunned Sydneysiders—can say is that Teddy must have struck the jackpot.

DOG REGIMENT

For the first time the Australian Army is to recruit a Dog Regiment and even mongrels will find a place in its ranks. The dogs will be used for special guard and patrol work.

Dogs recruited will include mongrels for mine detection; Alsatians for guard duty and hunting dogs for patrols. The new unit will be called the Australian Dog Troop and will be under the control of a warrant officer who has just returned from a dog-handling course in Britain.

As some old soldiers remarked—How very much like the Army to have dog handling courses.

Three vets, surgeons operated on 25 cows in the South Coast district over the last few weeks to remove pieces of wire from their stomachs. They believe the wire had been chopped up in the cattle feed to the cows.

INTERVENTION

These legal men aren't all cold-blooded characters which the public sometimes thinks.

This week one of them saved a soldier from gaol.

The soldier interrupted the hearing of a divorce petition by his father-in-law by shouting out from the back of the court— "You did say it, you—law!"

The judge promptly called him up, told him his conduct constituted contempt of court and asked him why he shouldn't be sent to gaol.

Strike Affects 203 Ships

Oslo, Dec. 6.

The Norwegian merchant navy strike spread tonight to 203 vessels, 20 per cent of the total Norwegian fleet.

Representatives of striking officers and the shipping companies are to try to find a compromise solution tomorrow. It was reported that if the talks failed, the government may issue a temporary decree submitting the dispute to compulsory arbitration. — France Presse.

Woman, Aged 102 Has Operation

London, Dec. 6.

Doctors announced that Mrs Mary Jane Start, aged 102, was resting comfortably today following an operation yesterday for a broken thigh-bone.

Hospital doctors said they believed "an operation on a woman of this age is a complete record in medical history." — United Press.

TRAINING FOR MERCHANT NAVY



Two of the young girl cadets who are among the 47 now under training with boy cadets at Dairen, for the Chinese Merchant Service.—London Express.

Chou En-Lai Lashes Out At US

(Continued from Page 1)

Korean and Chinese side has been better than that stipulated in the Geneva Convention."

The US has charged that 38,000 UN prisoners and Korean civilians were killed in death marches and massacres or died from starvation and lack of medical care in North Korean POW camps.

But Chou charged that "the US Government is hard at work fabricating lies to confuse public opinion."

The Communist Chinese Government apparently attached great significance to Chou's lengthy statement. It was broadcast at 11 hours when Radio Peking is usually silent and was announced 30 minutes in advance in a special morse code bulletin from Peking.

ANGRY TRADE

The Red Premier turned angrily against America in his tirade.

He repeated the Red charge that the US "waged inhuman warfare" and cited four other accusations against the American army.

Donald Kent, an English draftsman now in Australia, is looking for another five passengers. Then he proposes to buy a bus, fit it with sleeper type chairs, and drive 10,000 to England, except for ferry crossings and the Indian Ocean.

His route would be Ceylon, India, Persia, Iran, Turkey, Australia, Italy, Switzerland and France.

Fares for the passengers are expected to be £200 and the trip will take the best part of six months.

Still another uranium field has been found this time in Western Australia—which up until now has missed out on the new ore.

The field is expected to be a very big one.

MR LYTTELTON ATTACKED

London, Dec. 6.

In a violent attack on the British Secretary for the Colonies, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, former War Minister John Strachey said to-night that the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, would have to choose between retaining the Commonwealth. "We cannot keep both," he added.

"Every speech by Mr Lyttelton casts us a rebellion in a colony," Strachey said. "There are not enough cruisers in the British Navy or battalions in the British Army to undo the damage caused by this dangerous man."

Representatives of the British Press.

What's His Line? Solution

BUCHER-BOY

London Express Service.

COURT ACTION STRUCK OUT

An action for a claim of deposits amounting to \$212,320.70 was struck out of the trial paper by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning when plaintiffs in the action failed to appear.

Couple Given Advice By Magistrate

"She said that she was sick and couldn't get up but I knew that she was not taking it well."

These words were exchanged this morning before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central Police Station, Chai Wan.

Defendants were the Lung Kee Hong (firm), merchants, of the same address, and Wong Chiu-yuen, Keung Ho-kim, Keung Shek-chun and Chik Hin-ling, partners.

Mr. T. Shurlock who appeared for all the defendants, on the instructions of Mr. H. Caine, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, applied for the action to be struck out under Sub-section 1 of the Court Order.

Counsel said that an indorsed writ was issued on October 20, 1950, and on November 15, 1950, an order was made that the defendants be given unconditional leave to defend the action and that there be mutual discovery within 14 days from the close of pleadings.

The Defence was filed on February 17, 1951, and there had been no discovery of documents by the plaintiffs, he added.

His Lordship made an order for the action to be struck out of the trial paper and for plaintiffs to pay all costs arising out of and incidental to and thrown away by their failure to appear.

3. "The American and Syngman Rhee forces slaughtered the Korean people in tens of thousands."

4. "The US and South Korea persecuted and murdered the Korean and Chinese POWs by the most savage and brutal means in the POW camps on Koje, Cheju and Pongam Islands."

Premier Chou accused the US of using the United Nations to "maintain tension in the Far East and Asia."

He charged that America is attempting to delay the summoning of the Korean peace conference and undermining the explanations to unrepentant war prisoners.

By these tactics, Chou charged, the US plans "to step up the rearmament of Japan to extend its network of military bases in Asia and to push forward the organisation of an aggressor bloc in Asia." — United Press.

Arrest Warrant Issued

A Bench warrant for the arrest of a 20-year-old Chinese woman, Ng Yung, who failed to appear at the Magistrate's Court this morning to answer the charge of unlawful boarding, was issued by Mr. A. G. Parker, the request of the Prosecuting Officer, Sub-Inspectors K. T. Wong.

Ng's bail of \$50 was ordered to be retained.

It was alleged to have boarded the mv. Revere II which anchored at Buoy 223 at about 4.30 this morning without permission.

Chan Ming, 26, charged with committing the similar offence, was absent from Court, and his bail of \$50 was estreated.

Church Dignitary Arrives

Dr. Charles Gough, well known church dignitary and pastor of the Chicago Temple in the city of Illinois, arrived here from Manila by the Pan American World Airways this morning in the course of a round the world tour. He was accompanied by Mrs. Gough.

24-Hour Remand

Yip Kan-yuen, of 300 Main Street, West, was remanded this morning for 24 hours before Mr. Hin-shing Lo, having pleaded not guilty to a charge of using obscene language at Main Street West on December 6.

Alleged Corruption And Conspiracy: This Morning's Evidence

Further evidence was given before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning by Prosecution witnesses who testified that they gave sums of money to the fifth accused before passing driving tests at the Kowloon Traffic Branch, when hearing of the case against seven men charged with corruption and conspiracy, was resumed.

In the dock were Chu Kyuan-yeo, 30, Police Interpreter, attached to Kowloon City Police Station; Wong Kwong-cho, alias Wong Joe, 43, proprietor of the Kwong Wan Driving School; Yeung Kwok-hon, 32, proprietor of the Chung Wan Driving School; Mak Po-hon, 34, proprietor of the Po Kwan Driving School; Kwok Kam, alias Kwok Chi-kuen, 31, proprietor of the Nam Fong Driving School; Lee Lin-bu, 29, waifer; and Chung Ling, 23, driving instructor.

Mr. H. K. Ho, said he did not think the witness had acted as hostile, although he appeared to be a dimwit one.

Crown Counsel submitted that the witness had first said that the \$400 was in addition to the tuition fees, and later he said he considered the \$400 as part of the tuition.

Judge Reynolds said Mr. Mayne might ask the witness to clarify this point.

Questioned further by Crown Counsel, witness agreed that the fifth accused had told him at the beginning that if he paid him some money, he might get him a driving license, even though he had no confidence in his own driving.

Hearing is proceeding.

Mail Notices

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Air
Japan, Hawaii, 6 p.m.
Australia, Ceylon, Indonesia, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
South Africa, 10 a.m.
Macao, 11 a.m.
Macau, 11 a.m.
Macao, 12 p.m.

Rotary Club Makes Gift

Mr. D. L. Streletz, former President of the Hongkong Rotary Club opened a home for nurses and midwives at the Chai Wan Resettlement Area this morning, and presented it to Dr. J. M. Liston, Acting Director of the Medical and Health Services, on behalf of the Rotary Club, for the use of the Medical Department at the Resettlement Area.

Dr. Liston thanked the Rotarians present, saying that he had always appreciated the good work being done by them.

Also present were Mr. George Lin, President of the Rotary Club, Mr. Glin Su, architect of the building, who had offered his services, free of charge, Mr. W. S. Anderson, Hon. Secretary of the Rotary Club, and other Rotarians.

The home is a two-roomed bungalow with a closet, kitchen and utility room. A day bed, armchairs, wardrobe, chest of drawers, and a small coffee table have already been installed.

After the ceremony, the Rotarians inspected the building.

RECREATIONAL VISIT

The 13,000-ton American cruiser Toledo entered port this morning on a recreational visit.

Commanded by Captain F. B. Martin, USN, the cruiser is one of the 17 ships of the Baltimore Class and was completed in September 1943.

The American destroyer John R. Craig also arrived.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That young man asked me if I had read that book—I hope I don't look like someone he could pick up!"

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